

a.) Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) An isolated DNA coding for a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

5. (Previously Presented) An isolated DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A recombinant DNA obtained by ligating the DNA of ~~any one of claims 4-6~~ claims 4 or 5 with a vector.

8. (Original) A transformant carrying the recombinant DNA of claim 7.

Claim 9-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a polypeptide ~~described~~
~~in following (1) or (2):~~

~~(1) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID~~
~~NO:4;~~

~~(2) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at~~
~~least 95% homologous to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, and having~~
~~transaldolase activity, which comprises the steps of: comprising the amino acid sequence~~
~~of SEQ ID NO:4, said process comprising the steps of:~~

~~culturing the transformant of claim 8 in a medium to thereby~~
~~produce and accumulate the polypeptide in culture, and~~

~~recovering the polypeptide from the culture.~~

Claim 16-18 (Cancelled).